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**WILSON, BABBITT DISCUSS KEY BAY-DELTA RESTORATION PRINCIPLES**  
***Staged Implementation, Continuity, Improvements to All Resources Emphasized***

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**SACRAMENTO** – Governor Pete Wilson and Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt met today to discuss a series of elements regarding CALFED Bay-Delta Program and reemphasized their determination to put forward a final draft alternative by year's end. They agreed to the attached preferred alternative principles.

"We are committed to solving the state's long term water needs for our cities, farms, and environment," Wilson said. "I am pleased that Secretary Babbitt also shares my desire to conclude a package of interim measures to ensure regulatory stability and progress on our immediate water quality and water supply needs while the permanent solutions are being built."

"We now have a firm schedule for advancing key decisions on the CALFED process this year," Babbitt said. "This is a crucial step toward restoring the environment of the Bay and Delta while also providing improved water supply reliability and quality. This advance would not have been possible without strong involvement of stakeholder groups in the EIS/EIR process. It is equally clear that the multiple federal and state agencies are continuing to work in a coordinated and collaborative manner to develop a consensus solution."

The CALFED Bay-Delta Program, initiated in 1995 by Governor Pete Wilson and the Clinton Administration, is an unprecedented collaboration among state and federal agencies and the state's leading urban, agricultural, and environmental interests to address and resolve the environmental and water management problems associated with the Bay-Delta system based on consensus. CALFED consists of the decision makers of these agencies as well as technical staff. The mission of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program is to develop a long-term comprehensive plan that will restore ecological health and improve water management for beneficial uses of the Bay-Delta system.

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• **ATTACHMENT IS THE CALFED PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE PRINCIPLES**

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**CALFED Agencies**

**California** The Resources Agency  
Department of Fish and Game  
Department of Water Resources  
California Environmental Protection Agency  
State Water Resources Control Board

**Federal** Environmental Protection Agency  
Department of the Interior  
Fish and Wildlife Service  
Bureau of Reclamation  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Department of Agriculture  
Natural Resources Conservation Service  
Department of Commerce  
National Marine Fisheries Service